

## Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An in-vehicle information printing system for an occupant in a vehicle  
5 comprising:  
a printer operably received within the vehicle; and,  
a telematics system providing information to the occupant, said telematics system  
serving as a host device for commanding the printer;  
such that said information from the telematics system may be printed on a print  
10 medium operably connected to the printer to thereby allow the vehicle occupant to  
display said information in printed format.
2. The in-vehicle information printing system for an occupant in a vehicle of  
claim 1, wherein said information is wirelessly provided to the vehicle from a remote  
15 location.
3. The in-vehicle information printing system for an occupant in a vehicle of  
claim 1, wherein said printer is operably secured within a passenger compartment of the  
vehicle.  
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4. The in-vehicle information printing system for an occupant in a vehicle of  
claim 3, wherein said printer is secured within a passenger seat of the vehicle, said  
passenger seat has a seating area, and said printer does not occupy any portion of said  
seating area.  
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5. The in-vehicle information printing system for an occupant in a vehicle of  
claim 4, wherein said passenger seat has a seat back and a back side, wherein said printer  
is operably received within a chamber in said seat back and is accessible through said  
back side of said seat back.  
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6. The in-vehicle information printing system for an occupant in a vehicle of claim 1, wherein said printer includes a port for operably connecting a personal computer, and said personal computer serves as a second host device for commanding the printer.

5 7. The in-vehicle information printing system for an occupant in a vehicle of claim 6, wherein said port for operably connecting the personal computer is wireless.

8. A method for displaying information from a telematics system, the telematics system able to wirelessly transmit information from a remote location to the vehicle, the vehicle having a passenger compartment with a plurality of passenger seats therein, each said passenger seat having a seating area, said method for displaying information comprising the steps of:

10 securing a printer within the passenger compartment such that the seating area of each passenger seat within the vehicle is not blocked by any portion of the printer;

15 operably connecting the telematics system to the printer;

receiving information through the telematics system;

printing the information on a print medium operably secured to the in-vehicle printer.

20 9. The method for displaying information in a vehicle of claim 8, further including the step of operably connecting an auxiliary host device to the printer.

25 10. An in-vehicle printer comprising:

a printer operably connected to a host device, said host device commanding the printer; and,

a vehicle having a chamber for receiving said printer and a passenger seat therein, said passenger seat having a passenger seating area;

wherein said printer is operably secured within said chamber such that said printer

30 does not occupying any portion of said seating area.

11. The in-vehicle printer of claim 10, wherein said host device is a vehicle telematics system.

12. The in-vehicle printer of claim 10, wherein said host device is a portable computer.

5 13. The in-vehicle printer of claim 10, wherein said chamber is received within said passenger seat.

14. The in-vehicle printer of claim 13, wherein said passenger seat has a seat back, and said chamber is received within said seat back.

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15. The in-vehicle printer of claim 14, wherein said seatback includes an inlet slot and an exit slot and a print medium may be inserted through said inlet slot such that said print medium travels through said inlet slot to said printer, and from said printer through said exit slot.

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16. The in-vehicle printer of claim 14, wherein said passenger seat has a back side and said chamber is accessible through an access door on said back side, said access door is pivotally secured to said seat back to define a closed position and an open position.

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17. The in-vehicle printer of claim 16, further including a feed tray extending between said access door and said printer when said access door is in said closed position.

18. The in-vehicle printer of claim 17, wherein said feed tray includes a forward panel and a rearward panel spaced apart from each other by a defined distance to define an area for receiving a stack of print medium when said access door is in said closed position.

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19. The in-vehicle printer of claim 18, wherein said rearward panel is pivotally secured to said printer and biased to a position away from said access door such that said area for receiving a stack of print medium is accessible when said access door is in said open position.

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